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In re Application of
Alan W. Reichow et al.
Application No. 09/878,128
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Attorney Docket No. 2242-59212/MDJ
Title: ACTIVITY-SPECIFIC OPTICAL
FILTERS AND EYEWEAR USING SUCH
FILTERS

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f)

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 25, 2003, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f), to revive the above-identified application.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) Notification of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty that requires 18 month publication¹;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), and;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the notice from the date that the notice was due under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) until the date the notice was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an international application on January 23, 2002. However, the United States Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country.

¹ See PTO/SB/36 and paragraph on PTO/SB/64a for further information. Both may be downloaded at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html>.

On February 19, 2002, a Notice of Rescission of Nonpublication Request was filed with the Office. Unfortunately, this was not accompanied by a notice of the foreign or international filing.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §1.22(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. §1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing. Petitioner's assertions that the application was not abandoned are incorrect.

37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the notice from the date that the notice was due under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) until the date the notice was filed was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has submitted the notification of an international filing, paid the petition fee, and has made a statement which is being construed as the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. §1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for further processing.

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